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PERMISSION TO CONDUCT VEGETATION BURNING IN THE SOUTH INTERCEPTOR DITCH
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In August of 1991 a survey was conducted of the South Interceptor Ditch (SID) to evaluate its ability to perform its function of collecting runoff from the south side of the Rocky Flats Plant and preventing any potential contamination from entering Woman Creek. The SID was determined to be unable to meet its design requirements and recommendations were made for repairs to be made and implementation of annual maintenance to prevent future degradation of the SID.

In September the DOE directed EG&G to restore the SID to its original design capacity and provide a schedule for completion of the required activities. EG&G included in its response a request to burn excess vegetation within the SID as an interim measure to improve the carrying capacity (water flow) of the ditch and that the burning would take place in October 1991 prior to the expiration of the site-wide burn permit.

A categorical exclusion for the vegetation burning portion of this project was recommended by the EG&G RFP NEPA compliance committee in September 1991 and forwarded to the DOE for approval. The DOE forwarded this request to Headquarters DOE in October 1991.

The DOE/RFO Environmental Restoration Division recommended approval be obtained from the U S Fish and Wildlife Service, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Colorado Division of Wildlife prior to conducting any burning activities.

The Department of the Army Corps of Engineers provided its approval on October 16 1991. The U S Fish and Wildlife Service gave its approval on November 21 1991. The Colorado Division of Wildlife gave its approval November 22 1991. The DOE/RFO gave EG&G permission to proceed with the vegetation burning December 2 1991.

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The site wide burn permit issued by the Colorado Department of Health (CDH) to the DOE for Rocky Flats expired on October 30 1991 and the CDH would not extend the permit because Rocky Flats is part of the metro Denver carbon monoxide nonattainment area Burning is prohibited this year from November 1991 to March 1992

EG&G has submitted an application for a new site wide burn permit (for calendar year 1992) for DOE/RFO to send to the CDH Please advise EG&G when the permit is approved and if EG&G still has permission to conduct the vegetation burning in the SID



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